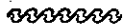


Commonwealth Notes

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Sisters of Mercy, Singleton, celebrated their fifty years' jubilee at Singleton, on Sunday, the 19th inst., in the presence of a very large gathering. The Memorial Chapel, which they have had erected in honor of the occasion, was solemnly blessed by his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate (Most Rev. Archbishop Cattaneo) in the morning. His Excellency was accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Gilroy (Secretary to the Apostolic Delegation). In the afternoon a civic welcome was accorded the visitors, who included the Bishops of Maitland and Armidale. His Excellency presided at the Jubilee Mass, which was celebrated by the Right Rev. Mgr. Roche, P.P., V.G. After Mass his Lordship the Bishop of Maitland (Right Rev. Dr. P. V. Dwyer), delivered an address on the work done by the Sisters during their 50 years in Singleton. His Lordship in the course of his address said:—"The Sisters of Mercy of the diocese of Maitland are this year thanking God for the blessings of fifty years on their community and their work. As a memorial of that gratitude for God's blessings, they have erected a chapel to His honor. That chapel has to-day been solemnly blessed and dedicated to its high purpose by the distinguished representative of the Holy Father, who has made his first visit to Singleton in order to testify his esteem for an important community of religious Sisters.

His Lordship the Vicar-Apostolic of Kimberley, (Right Rev. Dr. Coppo) arrived in Sydney from Melbourne the other day, en route to Queensland. Dr. Coppo was for a few days a guest of his Grace the Archbishop of Sydney at St. Mary's Cathedral presbytery. He informed a representative of the *Catholic Press* that the Apostolic Delegate had advised him to make a visitation to the Italians in the Northern State. His Lordship stated that he would in the first instance be a guest of his Grace the Archbishop of Brisbane, and would conduct a mission for the Italians of that city. Thence he will go to Rockhampton and Cooktown. On his return journey he will give a mission for the Italian residents of Sydney.

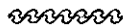


VICTORIA.

A generous tribute was recently paid by a non-Catholic clergyman (the Rev. Irving Benson, who, by the way, is a first cousin of the late Monsignor Hugh Benson), in the columns of the *Herald*, to the magnificent results of the work of his Grace the Archbishop since his succession to the see of Melbourne. Referring to the souvenir issue of the *Tribune*, published to commemorate the First Australian Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Rome, Mr. Benson says: "This issue contains several gracious appreciations of the work accomplished by Archbishop Mannix, but the most imposing thing in it is a panoramic reproduction of 53 churches, convents, colleges, schools, and other institutions erected in the archdiocese of Melbourne during

the past eight years (1917-1925). Anyone who desires to gauge the progress of the Catholic Church should look up this impressive array of architecture. It is solid evidence of the loyalty and generosity of the people of their Church, and they are to be commended for it." The Catholic community will appreciate very deeply this generous tribute from so broad-minded a non-Catholic clergyman.

In the seven years it has been established 2048 sick and delicate children have been tenderly cared for by the Sisters of Mercy at the Santa Casa Rest Home, Queenscliff. Last year 343 children passed through the Home. The institution should commend itself to everybody interested in children's welfare.



QUEENSLAND.

Next to that of the late Mr. T. J. Ryan, probably no death in Australia caused such a shock to society as the tragically sudden end of the distinguished young Chief Justice of Queensland, Mr. Justice Thomas W. McCawley, who died suddenly at Roma Street Railway Station platform, Brisbane, on Thursday morning, April 16 (says the *Catholic Press*). In hurrying to catch a train, he suffered a heart attack, and collapsed on arrival at the station. He died immediately. The Chief Justice had been an untiring worker, and it is thought that he had been overtaxing himself for some little time. For a few weeks he had not looked quite himself, though he had not complained of any ill-effects. Several persons were present when the Chief Justice swooned, and efforts were made to restore him, but without avail. Dr. J. M. Thompson, the Railway medical officer, was called, and he pronounced life extinct. The news was quickly despatched throughout the land, and the entire community was stirred. His comparative youth, in addition to his genius, contributed to the deep feeling of regret that prevailed throughout the land. Ministers of the Crown in Queensland were obviously grieved at the loss of one of the most able legal minds in the Commonwealth, as well as the loss of one of Queensland's most spectacular and exemplary figures in public and private life. Although invested with highly responsible positions in his early youth, he had displayed throughout his brief career conduct, personality, and ability that had justified the highest honors conferred upon him. He was only 43 years old when, on the occasion of the re-organisation of the Supreme Court Bench in Queensland, he was appointed Chief Justice. He was unquestionably the youngest man in Australia to ever be entrusted with so grave a responsibility, and probably the youngest man ever appointed to the position in the world. Messages of regret were sent to Queensland from all parts of the Commonwealth, while in Queensland itself expressions of sympathy and sorrow were received on every hand.

TASMANIA.

In a letter received from Rev. Father J. J. Barry, P.P. of Stanley, who is a member of the Catholic Pilgrimage to Lourdes, he stated that the receiving of Holy Communion on Easter morn by 80 of the Goanese crew was a very inspiring sight.

Professor Bridgen, of Hobart, prefaced his recent Pitt-Cobbett lecture with a glowing tribute to the late Chief Justice McCawley, of Queensland, with whom the Professor was associated as a member of the Economic Commission on the Basic Wage. Professor Bridgen was greatly affected by the late Chief Justice's sudden and early demise. He said the Chief Justice was one of the few bright spots in the dark horizon of industrial arbitration. He had got to know Judge McCawley well as a member of the Economic Commission, and he admired him as one of Australia's noblest sons, and he was afraid the heavy work of the Economic Commission, together with the work of Chief Justice, was responsible for the late Mr. McCawley's early demise. He was a genial and a great man, and one whom Australia could ill afford to lose.

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